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## **Supervisors Approve Flooding Prevention Plans for the Morongo Basin**

On Tuesday the Board of Supervisors voted to approve an agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in which the NRCS will contribute \$107,100 towards installing emergency watershed protection measures to relieve hazards and damages created by the Sawtooth-Millard fires in the Morongo Basin.

“Even though the devastating wildfire occurred more than a year ago, the potential for flooding and debris flows still exists,” said Third District Supervisor Dennis Hansberger. “I commend our Flood Control District for their forethought in addressing this potentially disastrous situation.”

The wildfire, which occurred in July 2006, burned over 85,000 acres in the Morongo Basin and San Geronimo Wilderness, thus creating a situation where heavy run-off and debris from winter storms can result in significant damage due to localized flooding. The plan was created after NRCS representatives met with County Flood Control District staff to evaluate the potential impact from debris flows and develop an emergency work program to minimize the impact of any significant storms in the watershed area.

The proposed plan includes the installation of K-rails and sandbags, one road culvert, and clearing debris from flood control channels.

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